

Wanderers Go Nap Against St. Albans

Wycombe Wanderers 5, St. Albans 0

BACK to their old invincible best, Wycombe Wanderers had Loakes Park feet stamping a happy victory stomp on Wednesday night as the goals thudded into the back of the St. Albans net.

City—one of the strongest Isthmian League sides this season—had no answer to the controlled power of exuberant Wycombe.

This was easily the Wanderers' best display so far. Man for man they were well ahead of their City rivals. With wing halves Jimmy Truett and Ron Fryer playing "blinders," the crisp-tackling defence broke up St. Albans attacks with all the confidence in the world.

SUPERB

As for the forwards—superbly dragooned by Paul Bates—they did very much as they liked.

The gayest spirit in a team which was so obviously enjoying its football, Paul romped along with the infectious enthusiasm of a teenager, his show piece being a spellbinding dribble which presented Michael Rockell with the third Wycombe goal.

Another major factor in this resounding Wanderers' win was the uncanny understanding between Gerald Free and Peter James. Two more James-nodded goals from Free centres brings the tally to three in two games!

ESTABLISHED

Dazzling Gerald, who has so rapidly established himself in the Seniors, mystified St. Albans with his dribbling, survived some hefty charging and sent over a stream of impeccable centres.

Facing a defence staring international Maurice Walby, the Wanderers began strongly with a series of lightning raids.

Within five minutes James had got his dark head to a Free cross and the ball was in the net. Soon afterwards Atkins made it 2-0.

WELL ON TOP

Wycombe remained well on top but St. Albans' young forwards attacked enough to miss open goals.

George, in the City goal, defended magnificently. When Wanderers were awarded a spot-kick for hands he kept up the

Wycombe penalty hoodoo by making a splendid save from Ron Fryer's hard drive.

BEST GOAL

Wanderers replied with the best goal of the match. Fed by Free, Bates weaved delicately along the goal-line and surrounded by fallen St. Albans' bodies, side-footed the ball to Rockell for a "gift" goal.

Second-half goals came from the Free-James department, Peter heading another beauty, and the fifth came from a typically dynamic Dennis Atkins free kick.

Taking a shy at goal, after he had been fouled, Dennis spoofed the City's goalkeeper with a low, raking shot.

If Wanderers continue to play like this, the "good times" are obviously back at Loakes Park.